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VHF AND UP

50 mc. conditions through November were not as good as expected. French and British TV audio on 41.25 and 41.5 mc. resp., came through extremely well almost every day of the month, though 45 mc. video has not shown up yet. Conditions can still improve through December and January.

Actually, the 50 mc. European DX we had last year was gratis as excellent conditions were not expected to last that long. As it was, many U. S. Channel 2 stations (54-60 mc.) were received in Europe and British Channel 1 stations were received 10,000 miles away in Australia.

Once again K5HVC came up with the best DX of the month. On Nov. 16, 17, 19, around 1730-1800 CST, Bert heard JA7GB by high MUF. He also heard JA2AGG and JA1(?) BF. Bert was not able to work the JA stations nor did they work anyone in the U. S. Sounds like some more one-way propagation. On 15 Nov. at 1942 CST, Bert heard PY2CK on 50.1 mc. though he couldn't raise him. This was by transequatorial (TE) which South Texas hams have done so much to exploit.

On a recent visit to Stanford Univ. at Palo Alto, Calif., your reporter had the opportunity to visit propagation authority W6QYT and W1VLH/6 who is evaluating the ARRL-IGY data which was gathered. They both lauded the 50 mc. work which the San Antonio hams have done, especially during the IGY when so much 50 mc. TE data was gathered on work with South America. They were especially impressed by the very unusual work which K5HVC did with KL7AUV in Anchorage via Es. Keep up the swell work, Bert.

K5RGO has caught the bug and has been listening to the bag-pipe tones of EXPLORER VII on 19.990 mc. He's also gunning for SPUTNIK III on 20.0045 mc. EXPLORER VII is running 0.6 watts to a short turnstile antenna.

By the way, SPUTNIK III is due to fall in December. Watch the newspapers for the date this is expected to happen. Contact the writer for orbit times as the day draws close if you care to listen in. Who knows, you could be the last to hear the signals!

Someone didn't like the DX K5HVC, Bert Brown, was working so they swiped his Hallicrafters SR-34 from his locked car. There aren't many of these floating around so be on the lookout. Regards for now.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come one, come all to the Xmas Party to be held Saturday Night, Dec. 5th, at Skippers Restaurant across the loop from International Airport. The gala affair is to start at 7:00 P. M. with a Steak dinner, and will be followed by a dance which will last till at least Midnight. We will have the same band that played for us last year, at the Xmas party. So get your tickets early in order that they will know how many people to prepair for.

There will be a series of prizes given away in addition to the gifts normally exchanged. Every man is to bring a useful gift for a man not to exceed a couple bux, and every XYL is to bring a gift for an XYL not to exceed a couple bux, then they will all be mixed up and everyone will get a gift.

Then there will be drawings for the different door prizes donated by the different parts houses.

Radio and T. V. Parts Co. is going to give a VTVM as their prize. Modern Electronics is going to give an electric shaver as their prize. Bill Case Records and Sound is going to give a 2 Meter Antenna for a door prize. Perry Shankle is going to give one of the latest type Astatic Mikes as a door prize. Allied Electronics is going to give two new 8 Mfd. 1500 volt condencers as his door prize.

These people are going all out to show the Hams in this area that they appreciate the business that we have given them, so let's go by and let them know that we appreciate the thoughtful gifts.

The tickets may be bought at the wholesale houses or at the club meeting Friday.

DX

This month Derwin asked me to write the DX column. After about seventeen years of little or no interest in DX, the bug struck! Over a period of about a month we heard a lot and worked a few of them.

The ten meter CW band has DX coming in all day long starting with Europe in the morning, Africa in the afternoon, and the Pacific comes in until the band closes.

There are a lot of JA's and UA's to work and are pretty easy to get. The best ones worked from this QTH on Ten Were KA9JG, and UB5WI.

Everyone in South America is on Fifteen it seems, as we have worked most of the South American contacts during the past month. The best ones on Fifteen worked are OQ5RH, CR5AR, ZP9AY, HK0AI, and TF3MB.

On Twenty, the competition is good and there are pileups on anything that sounds like DX. Openings have been spotty with some Pacific DX coming in around nine and ten o'clock at night. Worked FO8AC and he says he will QSL Via W4KWC. Still trying for ZK1AK and may get him yet. Heard a lot of good ones such as VQ8BBB, SP9RX, and many others but will have to wait my turn. Now that we have some of the easy ones out of the way, perhaps there will be more of interest in this DX game but it usre is getting to be a long time between contacts.

Happy DXing.

Gene W5EJT

LADIES CLUB MEETING

The last meeting was held at Ethyls' K5OPS QTH and final plans were made for decorating the room for the Xmas party. The ladies always decorate the dining and dancing hall and take care of the seating arrangement for the banquet.

A general bull session followed the meeting.

ALAMO YLS

The second meeting of the ALAMO YLS was held at Jerrys K5YCE, and the following officers were elected:

Pres. Ruth K5OPT

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Some of the plans for next year's TLYRUN were discussed. Some of the other members present were, Aileen K5OPV; Fran W5KQG; Jerry K5YCE; and Mary K5PDI.

MEETINGS

Instead of holding our regular meeting at The Gunter Hotel on the 20th of last month, we all went out to St. Mary's University, and attended an IRE meeting, at which time Walt Gunkel W5HHO gave a very interesting talk on some of the problems of finding flaws in steel pipe or steel plates, by using Ultra Sonics. We all enjoyed the talk very much.

We are getting a little better attendance, maybe it is because of the nice door prizes being given by the different Wholesale Houses. At the meeting on the 6th, Don K5CYJ of Radio and T. V. Parts donated a SSB book put out by Collins Radio Co. which cost $5.00, and Bill Case Records and Sound donated three books on Audio and HI-FI.

These gifts were well received, and two of the gifts were won by Hams visiting us from New Braunfels, W5EBM, and KN5SEF. Buck W5FGA won a HI-FI book and Theo W5OZQ won the Collins SSB book given by Don of Radio and T. V. Parts Co.

SPORTS CAR RACES

There is to be some more sports car races on Dec. 5th and 6th. The San Antonio Radio Club has been asked to participate in the event by handling the communications for the event, as they did last year.

There is also supposed to be some more races on Jan. 31.

For more information call Gene W5EJT at Di 2-2225, for he is going to need all the help he can get.

GUTTER DOPE

All of the friends of W5EDX Frank, will be glad to know that he is doing fine now after having his second eye operation.

Ethel K5OPS and Ruth K5OPT recently turend Gypsy and migrated north to Ft. Worth to attend the TLYRUN Party. Reports are they had a wonderful time and the San Antonio gals will be hosts to the group next November.

K5CLU has a new Red Fiat; wonder where he is going to put the family when he installs his rig?

W5SOI Charlie has a Volks Wagon with a mobile installed. He is using a cane fishing pole with his antenna wire wrapped on it. (shades of 1945) Charlie that type of antenna went out with Prohibition. But I guess it will work real good on the State Guard frequency.

W5OIK and his XYL showing up at the Halloween costume party in real style as a gambler, and his lady friend. They really looked the part too.

W5FGA and his XYL K5YCE must have come all the way from Mars to attend the same Halloween Party with their flashing antennas and silver armor. Buck proved that his battery hasn't run down.

Merry Xmas

From

Modern Electronics

Paul	Jim	Roddy	Fro
K5OHG	K5TYI	K5BGB	W5FY

Congrads to 5WDKF Cole and his XYL on the birth of their latest, a girl named Carol Diane Crump. She's prettier than her papa, but after all isn't she supposed to be?

We hear that W5LVE Johnny had to go back to school in Oklahoma City. They say it is rumored that his boss found out there was something he didn't know, so he sent him back to pick up the loose ends.

Pierre

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